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- 1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS REQUESTED PARA 7 REFTEL IS PROVIDED ON FYI BASIS BY CAB'S BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT (BOE). RICHARDS SHOULD NOT BE BRIEFED.
- 2. BOE CONSIDERS RECENT PIA TEST TICKET OPERATION A SUCCESS. EVIDENCE GATHERED WILL BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF THE PAKISTAN AIRLINE. BOE WILL BE GUIDED TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT BY OUTCOME OF THIS INVESTIGATION IN DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST PIA. PROSECUTION FOR CONTEMPT OF FEDERAL COURT INJUNCTION IS A POSSIBILITY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. AT THIS TIME, BOE IS NOT PREPARED TO INCUR COSTS OF SENDING INVESTIGATOR TO INTERVIEW RICHARDS. HOWEVER, PROGRESS OF PIA INVESTIGATION COULD INFLUENCE A RECONSIDERATION OF THIS POSITION IN THE FUTURE.
- 4. EMPHASIS OF PIA REBATING INVESTIGATION IS ON US ORIGIN

FLIGHTS. RICHARDS HAS BEEN PROVIDING INFORMATION

CONCERNING FOREIGN ORIGIN FLIGHTS. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED UTILITY OF SUCH INFORMATION, ACTIVE PURSUIT OF FURTHER DISCLOSURES FROM RICHARDS IS NOT ENCOURAGED. HOWEVER, AS EXPRESSED PREVIOUSLY, BOE WOULD NOT DISCOURAGE RICHARDS FROM VOLUNTEERING MORE INFORMATION, IF IT IS SPECIFIC. ACCORDINGLY, FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY IF SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTATION: (A) NAMES OF PIA OFFICIALS INVOLVED; (B) AMMOUNT OF REBATE, I.E. TARIFF FARE US CUSTOMER'S PRICE; (C) EXTENT OF PRACTICE; (D) DESCRIPTION OF ANY RECENT TRANSACTION.

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